

## [Instructions]

Form [?]-[?]-503a

[WPA?] - Montana

Federal Writers' Project

Instructions for Use of Encyclopedia Questionnaire

Form No. FWP-W-[503?]

Heading. Under topic give name of person interviewed.

The [Personaal?] Personal history of the person interviewed is to be written in biographical form. The essay should contain the following points:

1. Full name
2. Address
3. Place and date of birth
4. Father's birthplace
5. Father's occupation
6. Mother's birthplace
7. When did informant come to [Mineral?] County

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8. Trace fully informants education and occupations from birth until he arrived in Mineral County. If born in Mineral County trace education and occupation to the time informant began [mining?].

9. Why did he take up mining?

10. Where did he first work?

11. Stories and anecdotes

a. profits

b. pay

c. hours

d. greenhorns

e. machines and equipment

f. bosses

g. trade jargon

h. stories of mine work under normal or abnormal conditions.

i. disasters (fires, accidents, caveins etc.)

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12. Religious affiliations

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13. Standard of living
14. Appearance. Describe
15. Health
16. What has been the effect of the economic conditions of the last few years on the economic and health conditions of the informant?
17. If the informant was foreign-born has he adopted American customs and assimilated American ideas?
18. If [foreign?]-born what foreign customs and ideas does he retain?
19. In what kind of house does informant live? Describe
20. Describe the general appearance of the cabin, the mine and their setting.
21. Does the informant live alone, with his family, other relatives or with other miners?
22. What does he do for recreation?
23. What traditions of mining and the life of miners does he retain and practice?
24. Superstitions.
25. Leisure time. How does he spend it?
26. Describe his working day.
27. Give a complete picture of the miner making a living in a small mine.